

THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Carr, Peter A. et al.

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nucleic acid molecules

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Commissioner for Patents

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 1, 2006, the Applicants submit the following:

Amendments to the Specification are reflected in the replacement paragraph that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	NO. OF EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	20	MINUS	20	0	\$50	\$ 0.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	3	MINUS	12	0	\$200	\$ 0.00